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PRODUCTION OF COAL BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) The target fixed for various subsidiary units of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) for production of Coal during the first quarter of the current financial year;

(b) The actual production of Coal by these subsidiary units as against the target;

(c) The reasons for less production of coal than the target fixed for each subsidiary units; and

(d) The steps being taken to improve the production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a)& (b) The target fixed for various subsidiary units of Coal India Ltd.(CIL) for production of Coal during the first quarter of the current financial year and the actual production of Coal by these subsidiary units is as under:

(In million tones)

Company	1st Quarter (April to June 2008)		
	Target	Actual	% achieved
ECL	7.107	6.310	88.79
BCCL	5.300	5.178	97.70
CCL	9.242	7.481	80.94
NCL	13.950	13.519	96.91
WCL	10.327	10.789	104.47
SECL	21.507	23.242	108.07

MCL 23.760 19.523 82.17

NEC 0.237 0.206 86.91

CIL 91.430 86.248 94.33

(c) & (d): Subsidiary-wise reasons for shortfall & steps taken to improve the production are given hereunder:-

ECL

Major reasons tor shortfall are:

(i) Production from all opencast mines had suffered adversely,due to early monsoon this year and also due to frequent rainfall,almost everyday,which was distributed in short spells all over the days.

(ii) Production from Rajmahal OCP suffered very badly,on account of accumulation of stock owing to less dispatch of coal through MGR to powerhouses of NTPC.There were severe derailments of rakes number of times during May & June`08.due to activities of miscreants,

(iii) Production from Raniganj coalfields was totally stopped,due to strike.called by political parties,in protest against hike in POL prices, on 5th & 6th June`08.

(iv) Production from UG mines suffered to some extent due to frequent load shedding and load restrictions from different power utilities like DVC,WBSEB,DPL,JSEB & DPSC.

Measures taken to meet the Production Target :

1. To improve the law & order situation, at Rajmahal area, matter was taken up with State Administration and further dispatch through MGR was done with police escort, for preventing miscreant activities.

2. Procurement action for additional HEMM for Rajmahal OCP and other OCPs has been expedited to improve the OC production.

3. Few more SDLs are being added to improve the UG production.

4. All power utilities have been requested,to minimize the load restriction and load shedding, for improving UG production.

5. A few more hired OC patches arc proposed to be started for additional production.

BCCL

Major reasons for shortfall are:

(i) Working of many opencast projects was severely affected due to land acquisition and rehabilitation problems viz. Muraidi OC, Block-ll. Block-IV. Tetulmari. Viswakarma and Sudamdih COCP. Restricted advance of top benches in many opencast mines due to land acquisition problems had led to concentration of working in bottom benches, which involved rehandling of huge volume of materials.

(ii) Delay in dispute settlement with the forest department affecting production from Ghanoodih OC and Muraidih OC.

(iii) Transport constraints due to excessive rain in June`08 restricted coal transportation from face to surface and surface to siding.

(iv) Decrease in underground production due to ageing of machines like SDLs/LHDs.The longwall package for Moonidih underground project through global bidding got delayed due to backing out of the Ukranian firm.

Measures taken to meet production target:

1. Land acquisition cases, are being vigorously pursued,for settlement of disputes, as per the approved R&R policy of CIL.

2. Actions taken, for replacement of outlived HEMM, SDL/LHDs, as per the survey off norms.

3. Regular meetings and follow up actions are being done for settlement of disputes, pertaining to forest land, with the State Govt. and MoEF.

4. Price bid, opened for longwall package for Moonidih XVI seam is being put up to the ensuing Board meeting, for awarding work to LI bidder.

5. Deployment of Continuous Miner Technology, at Block-II underground mine and Dhansar have been proposed for augmenting underground production.

CCL

Major reasons for shortfall are :

(i) Every month,there were about 5 bandhs called by extremist groups resulting in the loss of production.

(ii) Heavy storm adversely affected Power Supply System whose restoration in many areas took 2 days.

Measures taken to meet production target:

1. Emphasis was given on OB removal during various bandhs which resulted in

(i) 105% achievement of OBR Target

(ii) 100% achievement in terms of composite production

2. Action has already been taken for increasing the HEMM fleet as follows by providing new equipment against surveyed off:

Shovel : 15 Nos.

Dumper : 98 Nos.

Drill : 11 Nos.

Dozer : 23 Nos.

Loader : 13 Nos.

3. Close follow up for early forestry clearance of Karo,Konar,North Urimari and Tapin North Ph-II from which 5.9 mt of coal is expected to be produced during 2008-09.

NCL : There is marginal shortfall in production due to earlier monsoon and some other reasons.The marginal shortfall of production will he made up in coming months.

WCL : There is no shortfall in production against target.

SECL : There is no shortfall in production against target.

MCL

Major reasons for shortfall are :

(i) frequent agitation by the villagers, demanding employment beyond the norms and general law and order problem, leading to stoppage of coal production/transportation, particularly in Talcher coalfield adversely affected the overall coal production and OB removal of the company.

(ii) Abnormal delay in acquisition of Forest Land.

(iii) Coal production and transportation were completely paralysed in Talcher coalfields due to the strike of contractors` drivers during the period from 15.06.08 to 21.06.08.

(iv) Deployment of less number of tippers than the sanctioned strength by the KSM companies adversely affecting the coal production and transportation.

(v) During summer months, stoppage of work from 1 1.30 am to 4.00 pm. due to strong heat wave, as per the instruction from Govt. of Orissa.

(vi) Ageing of HEMM Out of total 613 nos. basic HEMMs 196 nos. have already covered 100% life and their availability and utilization are very less now.

Measures taken to meet production target:

1. The mine-wise, present production potential has been re-assesscd on the present condition and internal targets are being set accordingly, at the beginning of every month, to achieve the overall target of the company.

2. OB removal outsourcing has already been awarded in some of the mines and the other proposals are being expedited to award the work, to enhance the total OB removal and making sufficient exposure of coal.

3. Efforts are made to liquidate the pit head coal stock, to the tune of at least 1000 million Tones per month. It will facilitate to achieve more production in the later period of 2008-09.

4. Meeting with the contractors are being held regularly at area and HQ level to deploy maximum no. of tippers for coal production and transportation.

5. All Area CGM/GMs have been advised, to hold meeting with the villagers and maintain better liaison with the Civil Administration to stop the frequent blockage/stoppage of work resulting loss of production.

NEC

Major Reasons for shortfall are :

(i) The production from Ledo OC could not be started for want of final BMP clearance from MoC, New Delhi.

(ii) This region received heavy rainfall during this period,causing to concentrate mainly on pumping operation for the survival of the NEC mines.

(iii) There is hardly any continuous dry spell available to produce coal from OC mines,during the period .